

GENEROUS PROFFERS.

Public Enterprise Manifested in Sites Offered for the C. R. I. & P. Shops.

The determination on the part of the citizens of Rock Island to secure the location of the proposed C. R. I. & P. shops, has been manifested by liberal proffers of land eminently suitable for the purposes of the company, within the past two days. The committee consisting of Capt. T. J. Robinson, F. C. Denkmann and A. C. Dart, appointed by the Business Men's association, to use all possible endeavor to secure the shops has been quietly but no less unceasingly performing its duties, and yesterday afternoon three very generous offers of land were made to the committee for transmission to the company in the event of Rock Island being deemed a desirable place for the proposed shops. There is no doubt that this city as far as location is concerned, possesses advantages that no other city on the lines of the C. R. I. & P. has. The only trouble seemed to be as to securing the tracts, but this difficulty has been entirely overcome, as is shown hereafter in this article.

Weyherhauser & Denkmann have made a proposition to donate thirty-five acres of land in the west end of the city on high ground and possessing one of the best steamboat landings. Situated as the land is, near deep slough, if the canal comes by the Rock Island route, which will be its course if it comes at all, the road will be between the canal and the river, a most desirable piece of property, certainly, and one that is bound to increase in valuation. A great deal of the material used by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific in its superior work is imported from the south, and may be landed right upon the ground of the shops if this land is chosen by steamboats. This is decidedly the most advantageous site the C. R. I. & P. could get.

Bailey Davenport, Esq., has also offered to donate twenty acres of land on the R. I. & P. railroad for the location of the shops. This is also a most desirable site, apparently suitable in every way. Mr. S. W. McMaster has made a liberal offer. Mr. McMaster offers ten acres of land in the eastern part of town at \$1,000 per acre. The tract which he offers, excepts a few lots which have been sold and occupied by private dwellings. The committee thinks, however, that these lots can be purchased, the streets through the tract vacated and the price by that means cut down to about \$800. The land lies between Fifth and Seventh avenues, and it is very nicely situated near the C. R. I. & P. tracks.

There is also twenty-seven acres in the Brook's estate adjoining this tract which will probably be offered at reasonable figures. The only thing necessary now is to secure a right of way through the city for the C. R. I. & P., to the tracts offered below the city, and there is not likely to be any trouble in this direction, and the "Great Rock Island Route" will have the choice of both ends of the city for the location of its shops. As it is generally customary to make a present to a namesake, the city feels it can be a little more liberal with the C. R. I. & P. than it would be to other railroads.

Police Points.

Martin Renfro was sent to jail by Justice Bennett yesterday, in default of payment of a fine of \$15 and costs for assaulting John Groff.

August Ansgore was before Justice Cooke yesterday and was bound over to the sum of \$200 for assaulting Lizzie Brandt with a hatchet. He afterward entered a plea of guilty before Judge Adams and was fined \$25 and costs; he paid.

Yesterday afternoon Henry C. Wood was d passed a counterfeit \$10 bill on John Bengston, bar-keeper at Superior Appellquist's saloon. When the discovery was made, the police were informed, and in the evening Deputy Marshal Cary arrested Woodward, who was taken before Justice Cooke this morning. Hon. P. O'Mara appearing in his behalf, and State's Attorney Estrin for the people. The bill was dated 1864, on the Old City bank of Oil City, Pa. Judge Lynde testified that there was no such bank in existence, and Woodward was bound over in the sum of \$500.

Education.

The board of education held a special session last evening, all the members being present except Mr. Barge. The committee on text books recommended the purchase of one hundred first readers, fifty third readers and twelve sets of geographies. The recommendation was approved.

The finance committee reported the placing of the high school bonds as directed.

Bills were allowed as follows: Louis Barlow, \$4; Henry Darts, Sons, \$8.80; Fred and Rudolph Koch, \$10; S. J. Collins & Co., \$6.60; Crampton & Co., \$4.05; Hartz & Bahnen, \$16; W. H. Hatch, \$13.68; Mathias Schnell, \$37.4; S. S. Kemble, \$6.35.

The board discussed the various contemplated modes of heating the new high school, but adjourned without action.

Got Ready Just in Time.

At a neighboring city the other day a man named Michael O'Brien went to the cemetery and spent some time attending to a new lot that he had just bought. Then he went down town and ordered a fine monument to be cut, inscribed and erected on the lot. Then he went home and laughingly said to his wife: "Everything is ready now, if I get sick and die, to be buried." In less than an hour he was seized with congestion of the bowels and died at midnight.

Jefferson Club.

The regular meeting night of the Jefferson Club being Christmas this month, the regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:30 Monday evening. A full attendance is desired.

ARTHUR BURRALL, Pres.

PEACE AND GOOD WILL.

Meditations on the Merry Feast of Christmas Tide—Observances—Remember the Needy.

"Merry Christmas," will be the universal greeting tomorrow. It will be heard in many Rock Island homes and households bright and early in the morning. For years and centuries these two words have rung out in the palatial residences of the rich, and echoed through the scantily furnished homes of the poor. It is most boisterous in its gladness in the homes of health, but it has also made its way into the abiding places of sickness and suffering. The hale and hearty exchange the compliments of the day; the pale and patient sufferers smile in recognition of the well wishes. The merry greeting will first be heard in the nurseries; it will become the morning salutation as the members of the family gather about the breakfast table. It will be uttered on the streets. As friends and acquaintances meet during the day, the first thought that prompts words from the lips will be "Merry Christmas." The greetings will be heard in the hotels, at the door of the church and in every public meeting place. The glad tidings will be voiced from the pulpit and from the stage, and visitors will be welcomed everywhere with a "Merry Christmas." Business cares and perplexities will be forgotten, and everybody will be intent on extending a merry greeting to his neighbor, friend and relative. Young and old, rich and poor, sick and well, Catholic and Protestant, will all observe the holiday and give vent to their observances by greeting their fellows with a wish for their enjoyment, and a hope for "peace on earth, good will toward men." Unfortunately the being who will witness the coming and going of tomorrow's sun without having some one extended to him the greeting of the happy Christmas day. If there is a home in Rock Island where the fire does not glow warm and bright, casting its rays upon happy countenances about it, it should not be the fault of neighbors. If you know of a family in sickness, sorrow, need or distress tomorrow, and by a little exertion on your part, a ray of sunshine can be shed upon that unhappy circle, and you fail to extend that comfort, you have neglected a duty which you may in the future regret. It does not always take a rich present to make happiness. In remembering the poor their needs should be considered, and there will be many a home in Rock Island tomorrow wherein the monotony of many days of misery can be broken by taking a few cents from more expensive presents for some one who will have plenty, and giving them to those who would otherwise witness the day's advent and departure without the least thing to distinguish it from the other days. Remember the poor at Christmas tide, remember those who are less fortunate than you, if it only be by a kindly greeting of a "Merry Christmas."

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

Christmas is the commemoration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. There is not one of the special customs which center in Christmas that has not had a definite origin or is without particular significance. To every child no name is so familiar in connection with this day as that of the ever jolly imaginary being, kind Santa Claus. Even before there was any Christmas, there lived in Asia Minor a man named Nicholas. Just what he did or where he lived no one can tell. But after his decease he was remembered as one who always helped the weak, protected captives, cared for slaves, was the guardian of young girls and the lover of all children. The story of early Christians canonized him and long ago the name of St. Nicholas went wherever the religion of Christ was taken. Finally the name of Santa Claus was adopted as a means of adding to the joys of children on Christmas morning, and the days when in childhood's innocence when the stocking was hung in the chimney corner on Christmas eve are remembered as the happiest in a life time.

It has become a general custom to decorate the homes and hearths with holly and mistletoe during the holiday week, giving a brightness to indoor appearances. The custom dates back several centuries.

OBSERVANCES.

The Sunday schools of the Broadway Presbyterian and the First Baptist churches will have their Christmas trees tonight.

The Rock Island stove works shut down this afternoon for the holidays, after making each employ a present of a fat turkey.

Manager H. A. Wickham, of the Wilber Lyceum Theatre company, will give his company a Christmas supper at the Harper tomorrow night.

There will be a general suspension of business tomorrow. Freight departments of the railroads will suspend. The post-office, city, county and other public buildings will be closed.

Services will be held in Trinity church at 11:30 and at midnight tonight, when the sacrament will be administered. At 10:30 tomorrow morning, and 7:30 in the evening.

In accordance with a custom long since adopted by that lady, Mrs. C. W. Hawes will give her younger children and their friends a Christmas tree tonight. This is a joy that the little folks are accorded at Maj. Hawes' home every Christmas eve.

At the Theatre.

The Wilber Lyceum Theatre company produced "Our Boarding House" before an appreciative audience at Harper's theatre last evening. Every character was well taken. Tonight "Pearl of Savoy" will be given. Tomorrow there will be a matinee of "The Hidden Hand," and tomorrow night the company closes its engagement with Byron's great comedy, "Our Boys." Although the company has been fairly patronized for holiday week, it is deserving of much better houses than have greeted it so far. A big audience is anticipated tomorrow afternoon.

One hundred and fifty different kinds of music books can be seen at Bowly's.

BRIEFLETS.

Christmas eve.
Baker's the jeweler.
No Arous tomorrow.
Fine candies at Hawley's.
Buy that watch at Baker's.
Christmas at the Monarch.
Malaga grapes at Hawley's.
A merry Christmas to one and all.
Quail and pheasants at O'Connor's.
Extra fine lunch at the Monarch.
Skating at the Sylvan rink tonight.
Mixed nuts at Truesdale & O'Connor's.
Holiday goods at Lloyd & Stewart's.
Pheasants at Truesdale & O'Connor's.
Holiday goods at Lloyd & Stewart's.
Holiday goods at Lloyd & Stewart's.
Grapes, figs and other fruit at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

Baker's this evening for that jewelry present.

W. B. McIntire will eat his Christmas dinner at Wilton.

Fresh poultry at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

An elegant line of everything in jewelry at Baker's.

Mixed candies at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

Oysters just received direct from Baltimore at F. G. Young's.

Bulk oysters and celery, at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

All kinds of poultry, fresh, at F. G. Young's.

Nice oranges at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

Mufflers at special sale at Robinson's this evening.

Choice grapes at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

Special sale of mufflers at Robinson's this evening.

Wild turkeys at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

Rasmussen's gallery will be open tomorrow until 2 o'clock only.

Ruffed grouse at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

Good skating at the Sylvan rink, Monday, tomorrow.

Fine bananas at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

Truesdale & O'Connor will keep an open store until 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Sylvan rink open tomorrow for skating.

Choice canned goods and sauces at Truesdale & O'Connor's.

A Merry Christmas greeting from the Monarch.

The cheapest place in the city to buy your mixed candies and nuts is at F. G. Young's.

Judge Adams and family will spend Christmas with Mayor Mills at Wilton, Iowa.

Mrs. R. R. Cable, of Chicago, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Buford, in this city.

John Lafrenz will have on hand tomorrow a fine lunch, egg nog and Tom and Jerry.

The ANGUS wishes its numerous readers and patrons the merriest kind of a "Merry Christmas."

Take the street cars for the Sylvan rink in Moline. Good skating all day tomorrow.

Stoves, stoves, and a beautiful line of silver plated ware at very low prices, at Spencer's.

Fred Appelquist will have a grand lunch tomorrow to which he invites his friends to come and digest.

Call at the Central shoe store and see the new line of holiday slippers. The stock embraces everything new and novel. If you want a stove or anything else in house furnishings be sure and call on E. W. Spencer.

Geo. B. Simpson, Esq., of St. Louis, is in the city to spend Christmas with relatives.

Do you know that everybody that will call tomorrow at the Monarch will be treated with a little roast pig in a blanket.

Leave your orders in the morning at Truesdale & O'Connor's for your Christmas turkey.

In consequence of going west in the spring E. W. Spencer offers his entire stock at a great sacrifice.

The Monarch will beat them all tomorrow with a grand lunch and Tom and Jerry.

If you desire to make a present to a gentleman friend drop in at the special sale of mufflers this evening at Robinson's.

Mrs. George P. Freysinger and children, of Rockford, are here to spend the holidays and attend the Burrall-Briggs nuptials.

M. Magrum, the popular proprietor of the "Tivoli," will set a fine lunch all day tomorrow, and he invites his friends to call and see him.

There will be a special sale of jewelry at H. Peetz's at 10 a. m. and 2 and 7 p. m. tomorrow. If you are in want of anything in his line it will pay you to call.

Major O. M. Curtis, military inspector at Grinnell college, left for Chicago yesterday morning to spend the holidays at Morgan park.

We are indebted to Mr. F. C. Hoppe, the enterprising tailor, for some very handsome souvenir cards, which are among the nicest we have seen this season.

A tidy set was raffled off at Mrs. Frahm's house, on Twenty-third street, last evening, the number being drawn by a blind girl. The lucky number was 69, held by Miss Annie Wellinger.

Lawrence, son of Aid. Winslow Howard, fell on the ice while skating on the river yesterday afternoon and broke both bones of the left leg below the knee.

Hassenspeffer, paprika, turkey and goose will help to constitute the grand lunch that will be spread at John Westphal's tomorrow. Prominent among the liquid refreshments will be Tom and Jerry and egg nog. Give John a call.

Christmas will be here tomorrow and so will "Mosquito," of 319 Twentieth street, who will "fly high" and spread one of the greatest lunches ever seen in this city, to which a cordial invitation is extended to all to come and partake.

Mr. J. Babcock of Coal Valley, was the victim of a serious runaway on Moline avenue this afternoon. The tongue to his wagon broke, and his team dashed up the avenue, throwing Mr. Babcock from his wagon and causing a dangerous wound on the head.

Lock expert Fiebig will go to Cambridge tomorrow morning, to open the safe in County Treasurer Neely's office, the combination of which refuses to work. Thus will Fiebig do good and pay for his Christmas turkey at the same time.

Mrs. W. S. Robinson, of Rock Island, came up to see her sister, Nellie Perkins, play the Fairy Queen in Friday night's entertainment at the Congregational church. —Gleaner News.

There will be services at Trinity church Sunday, at 10:45 a. m., 12 m., and 7 p. m. At Trinity mission at 2:30 p. m.

A Good Investment. Anyone who has ever dealt in lands, knows that no investment of money will so surely and quickly yield a return, as such a venture if carefully managed. To the absolute safety of a government bond, is added a profit far in excess of rate of interest which can be obtained on any safe loan. In Kansas and Nebraska especially lands are raising in value very rapidly and with a steady growth which gives assurance of stability. The good season and the great tide of immigration into these states has made investment there doubly safe and desirable.

The climate of Southern Nebraska and of Kansas, free as it is from the long rigorous cold winter, added to a soil unsurpassed for richness and productive capacity, has made possible the wonderful development of these states. To the farmer they hold out special inducements. Cheap land, easy terms of purchase, good markets and varied products enable him to own his farm at a smaller cost and with less labor than is required to pay rent for the land he occupies here, or the interest on the money he has invested in it.

If you are seeking for a safe place to invest money, where it will pay you a large and sure profit, or if you are a farmer and want a farm of your own, call on me and see what I have to offer. I will make the visit profitable to you. Office over American Express office, Rock Island, Ill.

SAVILL JOHNSTON.

Down go the Prices on Books.

R. Crampton & Co. are determined to clear out their stock of books if possible and have arranged on counters in the rear of their store a quantity of popular books to be sold at a sacrifice.

Large bound books, 24 cents.

Gift-edged books, 50 cents.

Complete sets Dickens, 15 volumes, \$5.45.

E. P. Rowe's works, 95c.

Ben Hur, 95c.

Uncle Tom's Cabin, 95c.

Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne, 95c.

Chatterbox books, 37c.

Large colored toy books, 9c.

Turkey Raffle.

Dr. Schwabach, the regular proprietor of Exchange Hall, near the depot on Moline avenue, will have a turkey raffle this week, commencing Thursday and continuing to Christmas night. A fine lunch will also be served all day and evening during the three days, and an extra fine lunch on Christmas day. Companies among the refreshments served at this place will be Tom and Jerry, Kumbacher, Pilsener and lager beer. Be sure to go and see Rudolph!

Our Annual Discount Sale.

The season is advanced, and we find the clock department brim full of styles in all sizes.

We must reduce our stock and therefore offer from now until Christmas, twenty per cent discount from regular marked prices on each and every garment in the house. An early call is solicited.

M. ARNOLD.

Notice.

Until March 1, 1887, Drs. Barth & Babcock will make full sets of teeth, upper and lower, for \$20, and partial plates in proportion. Best material and satisfaction guaranteed; 1724 Rock Island, Ill.

Toys at Your Own Prices.

Krell & Math have a very choice line of novelties in toys which they are offering at very low prices to close out stock, as they do not propose to handle toys another season, so call and get toys at your own prices. A car load of Christmas trees just received.

Santa Claus is Here.

Krell & Math have a very choice line of French candies, put up in 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 pound boxes, also a fine line of Christmas trees and Christmas tree ornaments, all of which are being sold at low prices.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Choice candies at Birkenfeld's.

New pianos to rent at Bowly's.

Machine oil and needles, at Taylor's.

Order your Christmas trees early, and before purchasing call at Birkenfeld's.

Go to J. T. Dixon's for suitings and overcoatings at low prices.

The rink will be open Christmas afternoon and evening.

Birkenfeld has 500 Christmas trees for sale cheap.

Go to J. T. Dixon for low prices on suitings and overcoatings.

If you want to hear some fine singing go to the rink Christmas.

New pianos and organs sold on easy payments at Bowly's.

Overcoatings very low for the next 30 days at J. T. Dixon's.

Give her an organ, and pay \$5 per month, at Bowly's music store.

Select your Christmas toys from Birkenfeld's new stock.

Singing by Messrs. Housel, Bowly, Griffith and Corns, at the rink Christmas.

Rock Island people will be benefited by calling on Roman & Josephson, Moline, when in search of holiday presents.

The most elegant line of parlor and library lamps ever exhibited in the city at Lindy & Bailey's.

We make a specialty of flour and retail it at wholesale prices. Streckfus & Schaub.

The finest lot of music boxes, mandolins and musical novelties to be seen in the tri-cities, at Bowly's.

F. C. Hoppe, the tailor, will sell choice suitings and overcoatings at cost for the next 30 days.

Forty new pianos in stock at Bowly's. When can you find such a variety to select from in the tri-cities?

A few new organs in last year's style of cases. Will sell at cost of making—easy payments—at Bowly's.

Adam Klotz, of No. 2205 Fourth avenue, has a nice line of Christmas candies and tree ornaments, and a choice line of toys and picture books.

Go to the city mills for your flour, buckwheat, rye flour, rye meal, graham, corn meal, ground fresh every day. Streckfus & Schaub.

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C. C. KNELL, Manager.

One Week and Saturday Matinee, commencing Monday, Dec. 20th.

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Under the management of Mr. H. A. Wickham. Pronounced by the press of the whole country to be the strongest company on the road playing a repertoire. Ninety weeks in the principal cities of the United States and Canada, playing everywhere to crowded houses. The following repertoire will be presented during the week:

Monday.....Woman Again at Woman

Tuesday.....Two Orphans

Wednesday.....Our Boarding House

Thursday.....Pearl of Savoy

Friday.....The Hidden Hand

Saturday Matinee, 2 p. m.....Hidden Hand

Admission, 10, 20 and 30c.

N. B.—On Saturday evening a beautiful silver pitcher, valued at \$25, will be presented to the person holding the lucky number. Numbers on the pitcher will be given at the door each evening during the week.

Reserve seats on Friday morning at Knell's furniture store. Secure your seats and avoid the rush.

SINGING! SINGING! SINGING!

—AT THE—

ROCK ISLAND

CHRISTMAS,

(Afternoon and Evening)

—BY A MALE QUARTETTE—

Composed of the best voices in the city, the Messrs. Housel, Bowly, Griffith and Corns, who will sing two selections at each session.

Full Brass Band in Attendance.

General skating, marches, etc. Doors open afternoon, 2:30, evening, 7:30.

Admission 15 cents.

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Foot of Sixteenth Street,

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OPEN FROM

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ADMISSION:

Children under twelve years and Ladies, 10 cents; Gentlemen, 15 cents.

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Toilet Cases,

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Cuff and Collar Boxes,

Cut Glass Bottles,

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